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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

To: All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts and Instructors
From: Ronald H. Hughes – Director, Division of Investigation
Date: July 23, 2006
Re: Kentucky Fatal No. 13 (Nationally # 36)

EAB-06009 Kentucky Fatal Accident # 13 (Nationally # 36) Machinery

On July 20, 2006, at approximately 7:30 PM, a surface mine grader operator was fatally injured at a surface mine located within the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing Pikeville District. The victim was 39 years of age with 20 years of mining experience, 3 ½ months at this mine, and approximately 5 years at this occupation. There were no known eyewitnesses as to the actions of the victim prior to the accident.

Based upon evidence, it is believed that the victim had proceeded uphill in the grader on the 20.5 % grade haulage roadway. He had attempted to park the grader at or near a somewhat leveled area. The evidence also indicated that the victim was outside the operator's compartment when the grader began to move backwards. Shortly thereafter, the grader was observed moving at a high rate of speed in a backward motion, down the 600 feet elevated haul roadway, hitting the ditch line before coming to a stop after hitting a beech tree. The victim, after a brief search, was found underneath the rear of the 16 H Caterpillar road grader at the machines ripper. The victim was moved to a safer location (haul roadway) and administered First Aid by both the company Mine Emergency Technicians and rescue workers. The victim was pronounced dead at 8:50 PM by the Pike County Coroner's office.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

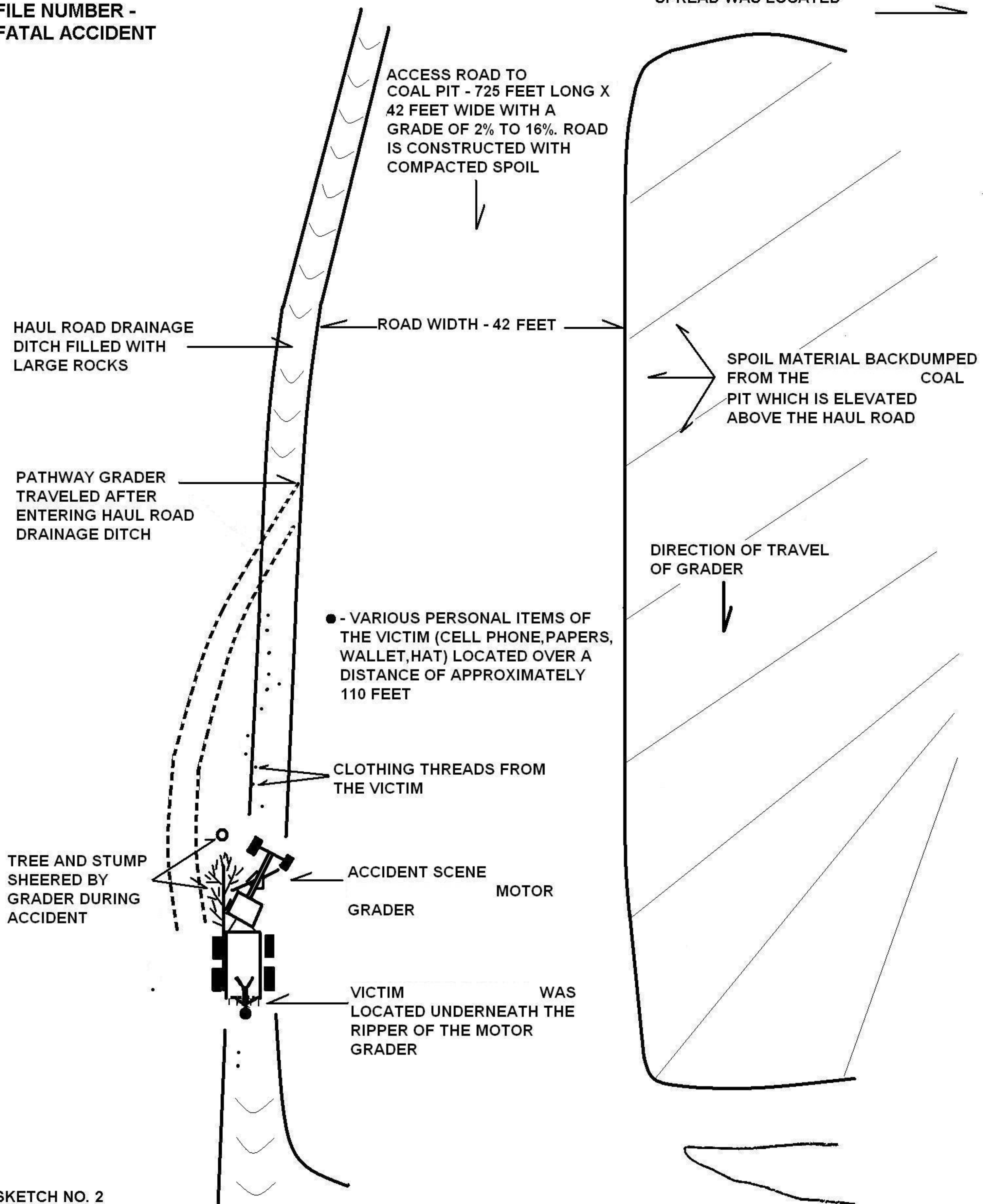
1. Proper parking procedures are to be used. Equipment operators are to assure that the park brake is set when not attended. The wheels shall be turned into a bank or wall, or shall be blocked when such equipment is parked on a grade. Scraper blades and similar parts shall be secured or lowered to the ground when not in use.

Remember, all accidents are preventable. We simply fail to prevent them.



MINING LLC
MINE - XXX
FILE NUMBER -
FATAL ACCIDENT

ENTRANCE ROAD TO THE
COAL PIT WHERE THE NO.1 LOADER
SPREAD WAS LOCATED

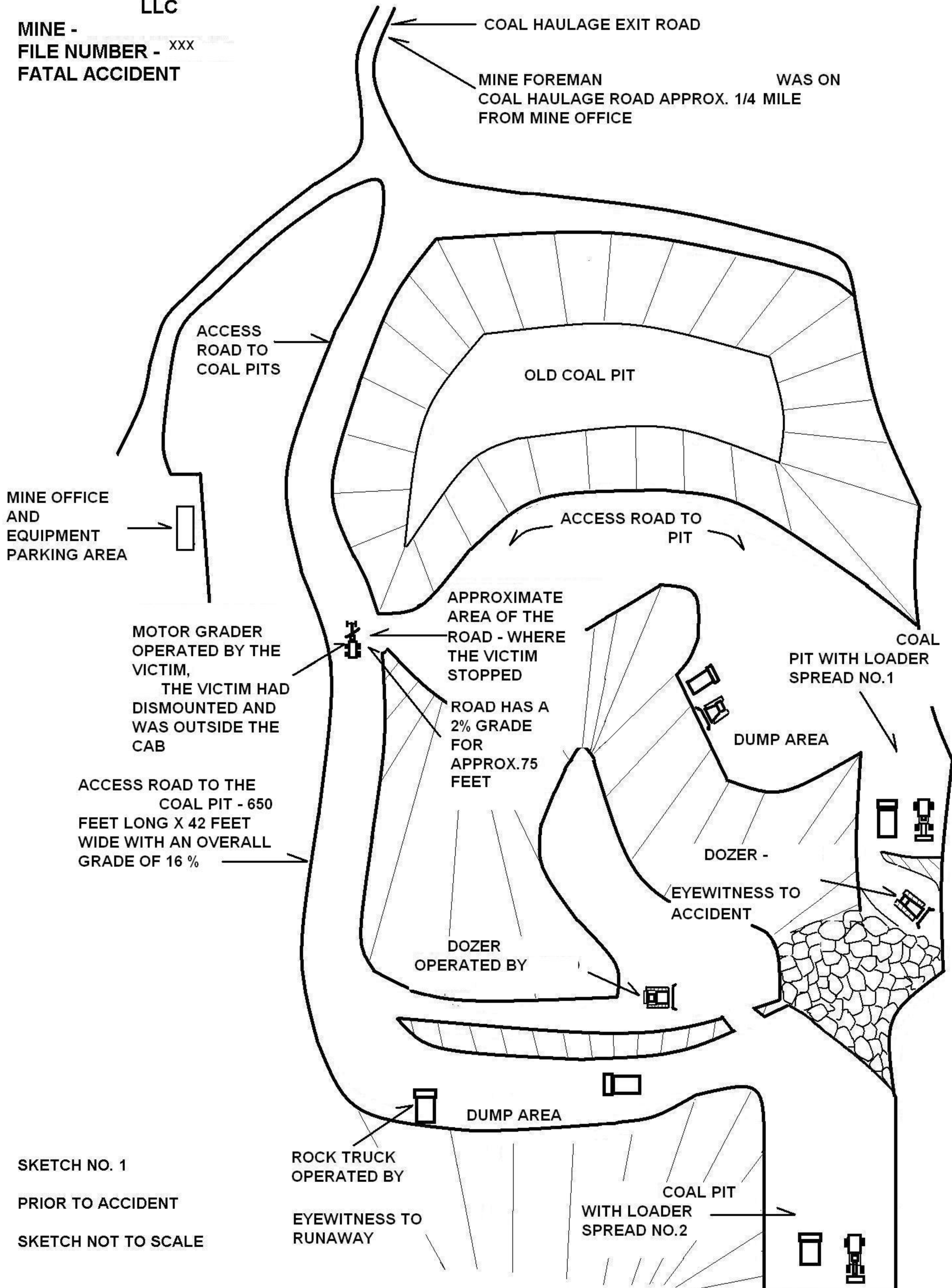


SKETCH NO. 2

AFTER ACCIDENT

SKETCH NOT TO SCALE

LLC
MINE -
FILE NUMBER - XXX
FATAL ACCIDENT



SKETCH NO. 1
PRIOR TO ACCIDENT
SKETCH NOT TO SCALE